

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## Corrections Education Chapter One

### Purpose

The [Department of Corrections](#) (DOC) receives federal pass-through funds from the [Department of Education](#) (DE) for the institution-based educational programs. The funds from the DE provide remedial education in reading and math for offenders under age 21 who do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent, and function at or below a sixth-grade education level. In FY 2015, approximately 37.3% of offenders age 21 and younger entered the prison system without a high school diploma or its equivalent.

### Funding

The federal moneys are used in combination with the General Fund appropriation for Corrections Education to fund the literacy programs outlined in Iowa Code section [904.516](#). The ending balance in this Budget Unit carries forward to the next fiscal year. The General Fund appropriation for Corrections Education is made in the [Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee](#) budget bill. The DOC also leverages internal funds, such as the Telephone Rebate Fund or institutional canteen funds, to supplement the education budget.

The DOC Central Office contracts with local community colleges to provide professors to the institutions to allow offenders opportunities to earn a High School Equivalency Diploma ([HiSET](#)), achieve adult literacy, and receive adult basic education while incarcerated.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [904](#)  
[201](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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### More Information

Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us/>

Department of Education: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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